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In re Appln of: SCHMITZ **Atty. Docket No.:** LIP038

Title: COOLING APPARATUS FOR COOLING AND PRESENTATION OF
ICE CREAM

Serial No.: 10/801,094

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The references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 relate to the subject matter of the present invention and are brought to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.98.

DE 40 06 272 A1 and DE 34 42 968 C2 are not in the English language. By way of a brief description of the reference, an English language abstract for DE 40 06 272 A1 is enclosed. DE 34 42 968 C2 corresponds to US 4,573,329, which is in the English language. A copy of US 4,573,329 enclosed.

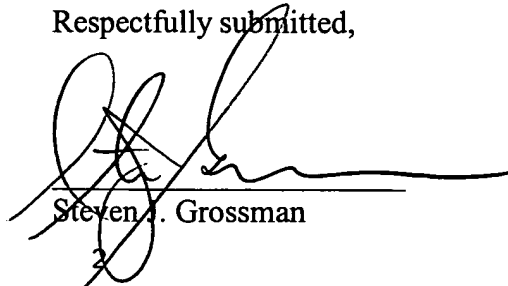
DE 87 17 307 U1 is not in the English language. The English abstract discloses a refrigerating device for storing and presenting ice cream having a cooling machine 36 that is arranged within a housing and is connected with a heat exchanger 34 for producing cold air 44, 46 for cooling the ice cream being arranged on the storing device. The device for storing the ice-cream is designed as a rotatable plate 14. In a distance to plate 14 an umbrella-like cold air

supply device 38 is arranged and at least one cold air passage 48 is provided. The plate 14 and the cold air supply device 38 are arranged concentrically to each other. The cold air is supplied via a stand pipe 22, protruding the plate 14 downwardly. The heat exchanger 34 is connected with the cooling machine 36 and surrounds a section 28 of the standby 22 that protrudes downwardly beyond the plate 14. The cold air supply device 38 is provided with at least two nozzles 40, 42 by which cold air 44, 46 can be applied to the ice cream 12 in flows with different flow velocity, whereby the flow velocity of the cold air 44 decreases from the ice cream 12 being arranged on the plate 14 in the radial outwardly direction. A fan blower 30 is arranged within the standpipe 22. The sidewalls 62 of the upper part 58 of the housing are provided with insulating glass and an end cap 64 covering at least the space being surrounded by the isolating glass 62 and having at least one lateral opening for manual operations.

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Finally, the applicant urges that the claims are patentable over the disclosed information.

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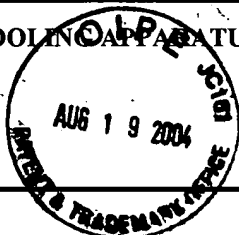
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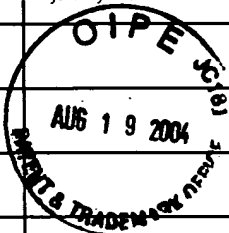
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	1	4,573,329	3/4/1986	CAVALLI	62	342	



FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
							YES	NO
	2	DE 40 06 272 A1	9/4/1991	German w/English abstract	A47F	3/04		✓
	3	DE 87 17 307 U1	8/25/1988	GERMAN	F25D	25/00		✓

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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